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# TAROT BASIC – CHAPTER 1

## MAJOR ARCANA TAROT CARDS



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Tarot Card reading is one of the best way to predict future . First developed in the 14<sup>th</sup> century . Tarot cards were used to play games . It wasn't until the 18<sup>th</sup> century that they began to be used for divination purpose and mid of 19<sup>th</sup> century that they become popular in European countries . On that time a new outlook on card reading has been set forth and more people are using them . Although common belief is that tarot cards are the way to tell the future or reveal someone's fortune , Moreover tarot is a tool for spiritual guidance and enables the person receiving reading to connect to his or her inner wisdom or intention.



## Deck details :-

To start , it's the best way to keep one deck at one time . Classical Rider- Waite deck is the best option for the beginners . Deck is consist of 78 cards in which 22 cards are Major Arcana and rest 56 are Minor Arcana cards . It is very important to maintain to build connection with the deck and you will get used to reading if you give it your best everyday, more you bond with your deck, the better results you will get. It is not only the game of interpreting the cards but also sharpens your intuitive or psychic powers.

# Types of divination :-

- 1 System Divination - Astrology, Palmistry where everything is based on logics .
- 2 Non system divination - Tarot Cards, Crystal Ball gazing comes in non system divination . It is based on universal energies and intuition .

## Protocol Follow:-

Some promises you should keep for being professional Tarot reader . Keep right hand on your deck and take a pledge with rules below.

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| Rule no. 1 | Never bring personal ego in between you and client.   |
| Rule No. 2 | Never get up in between session , energies can be disturbed .   |
| Rule No. 3 | Don't get emotional with the client ( ex- mother, father, kids) rise above personal emotions so that it may effect you. |
| Rule No. 4 | Don't judge and keep your personal opinions at a side .   |



# CARDS DETAILS

## *Major Arcanas & Minor Arcanas*

- ▣ Major Arcana :- Major Arcana cards also known as Trump cards represent life lessons, karmic influences and your soul's journey to enlightenment. The Major Arcana card meanings are deep and theme driven . Major Arcana Cards show the exact situation and truly represent the structure of human consciousness.
- ▣ Minor Arcana :- Minor Arcana cards comprise four suits with 14 cards each . Suits of Wands, Cups, Swords, Pentacles. Each Minor Arcana card in a suit is numbered one (Ace) to ten, except for court cards page, knight, queen and king. The Minor Arcana are believed to represent relatively mundane feature of life. Each suit also has distinctive characteristics and commonly connotations.

# MAJOR ARCANA★

## 0 The Fool

Major Arcana include 21 numbered cards and unnumbered character of the Major Arcana and makes his journey through each of the cards, meeting new teachers and learning, new life, lessons along the way and eventually reaching the completion of his journey.

Fool Upright :- Beginnings, innocence, spontaneity, a free spirit, leaving behind worries and anxiety, excitement and curious mind, recklessness, adventure.

Fool reversed :- holding back, recklessness, risk-taking

0 :- The number of unlimited potential, the card can come either at the beginning or at the end. It is like fool's journey through life and as such, he is even present and therefore needs no number.



**Fool's Card (Upright) :-** Young man stands on the edge of a cliff , without a care in the world, as he sets out on a new adventure. Gazing upward the sky (the Universe) and is seemingly unaware that he is about to skip off a precipice into the unknown. Over his shoulder rests a modest knapsack containing everything he needs which is not much , **this card shows spiritual journey or spirituality**. White rose in his hand represents his purity and innocence and dog represents loyalty and protection (protection from Universe, God, Society) Everything is encouraging this person to bring the change and learn the lessons he came to learn. Mountains symbolises challenges yet to come or he has passed but this person doesn't care about them right now. He is more focused on starting his expedition or new life journey. This is the time of great potential and opportunity. Use your creative mind and world is your Oyster , anything can happen.

**Fool's Card ( Reverse ) :-** It denotes that you have new project but not ready to execute or work on it. You are worrying of tools, skills, resources you need to make this project a success. Perhaps person's thinking is this is not the right time , its risky. Something or someone is holding you back and you are preventing yourself from moving forward. The person is in dilemma and Fear the unknown wondering .





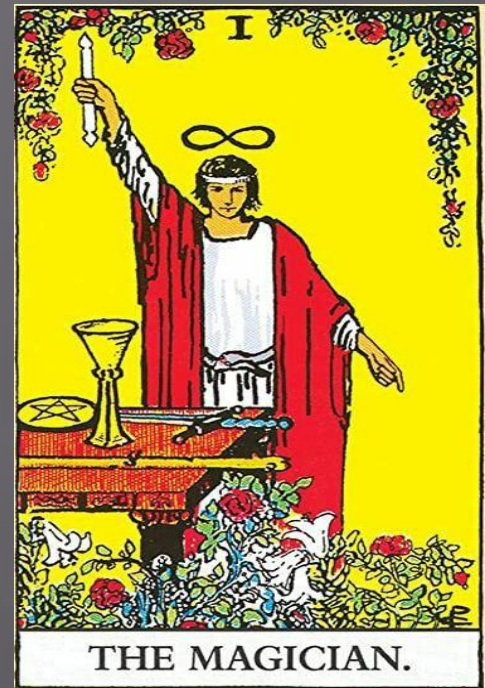
# 1. The Magician

- **Upright** :- Manifestation, resourcefulness, power, inspired action.
- **Reversed** :- Manipulation , poor, planning, untapped talents.

## The Magician - Upright

The Magician card is numbered One – the number new beginnings and opportunities – and associates with the planet of Mercury . He stands with one arm stretched upwards towards the Universe, and the other pointing down to the earth. His positioning represents his connection between the spiritual realms and the material realms. The Magician uses this relationship to create and manifest his goals in the physical realm. He is the conduit that converts energy into matter. The Magician's robe is white, symbolising purity , his cloak is red, representing worldly experience and knowledge.

On the table in front of him are the four symbols of Tarot suits – a cup, pentacles , sword and wand – each symbolising one of the four elements – water , earth, air and fire. It is also a sign that he has all the tools ( and elements ) he needs to manifest his intentions into being. Above his head is the infinity symbol and around his waist is a snake biting its own tail – both of which signal that he has access to unlimited potential . And in the foreground is an array of foliage and flowers, symbolising the blossoming and fruition of his ideas and aspirations. As a master manifestor, the Magician brings you the tools , resources and energy you need to make your dreams come true. Everything is on fingertips. You have that spiritual (Fire ) , mental (Air) and emotional (Water) resources to manifest your desires.



# The Magician

## ▣ The Magician reversed

On one level, the reversed Magician shows you are exploring what you wish to manifest , but you are not taking actions yet. You are unsure, lack of confidence and trust. If this card Comes then the person is not connected with higher self .

If you take care of what you intend to manifest, the Universe will work out the how. Stay attuned to your intuition and pay attention to opportunities as they arise. These are like little breadcrumbs that will take you closer to your goal. not clear on your desired outcome so your efforts are misdirected or unfocused. In a career reading, the Magician reversed shows that you have many skills, talents, and capabilities, but your real potential is not being maximised.





## 2. High Priestess

**UPRIGHT:-** Intuition, sacred knowledge, divine feminine, the subconscious mind

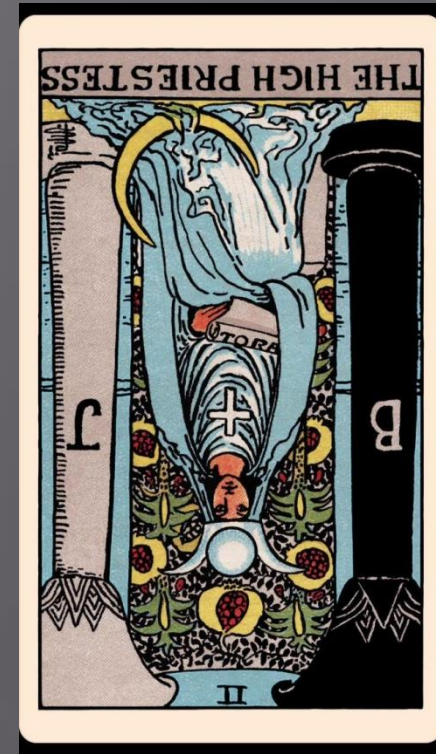
**REVERSED:-** Secrets, disconnected from intuition, withdrawal and silence

The High Priestess sits in front of a thin veil decorated with pomegranates. The veil represents the separate conscious and subconscious realms, the seen and the unseen, and serves to keep casual onlookers out. Only the initiated may enter. The pomegranates on the veil are a symbol of abundance, fertility and the divine feminine. On either side of the High Priestess stand two pillars, marking the entrance to this sacred, mystical temple (also associated with the Temple of Solomon). One pillar is black with the letter B (Boaz, meaning 'in his strength') and the other is white with the letter J (Jachin, meaning 'he will establish'). The black and white colours of the pillars symbolise duality – masculine and feminine, darkness and light – stating that knowledge and acceptance of duality are required to enter this sacred space.

The High Priestess wears a blue robe with a cross on her chest and a horned diadem (or crown), both a symbol of her divine knowledge and her status as a divine ruler. In her lap, she holds a scroll with the letter TORA, signifying the Greater Law (according to A. E. Waite). It is partly covered, signifying that this sacred knowledge is both explicit and implicit, it will only be revealed when the student is ready to look beyond the material realm. The crescent moon at her feet symbolises her connection with the divine feminine, her intuition and subconscious mind, and the natural cycles of the moon.



**The reversed High Priestess :-** The reversed High Priestess calls on you to be still and direct your attention inward to listen to your voice and wisdom. You may be swayed by other people's opinions or swept up in their drama when what you really need to do is focus on what is right for you. It is time to get quiet and withdraw yourself from the external world to observe what your inner guidance is sharing with you now. When this card comes, it means have faith in the Universe and allow yourself to be in flow with its energies. Surrender and let go of gossip and hidden agendas. Others may be keeping information from you or talking about you behind your back and sharing mistruths. Rather than making assumptions or diving into the depths of paranoia, have an open and honest conversation to surface and address these secrets.





# 3. The Empress

**UPRIGHT:** Femininity, beauty, nature, nurturing, abundance

**REVERSED:** Creative block, dependence on others

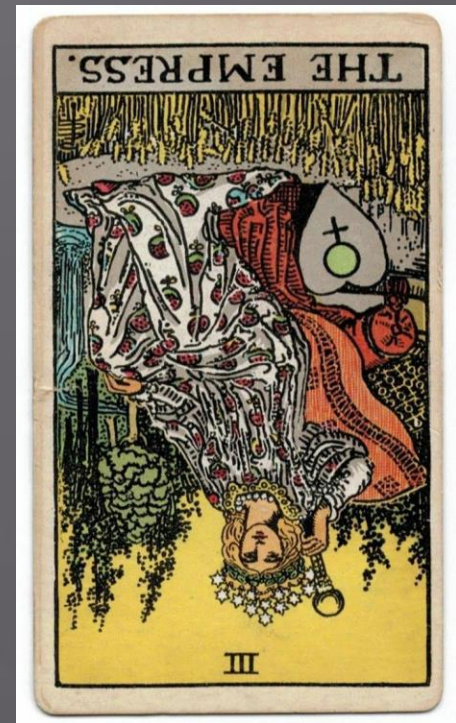
The Empress is a beautiful, full-figured woman with blonde hair and a peaceful aura about her. On her head, she wears a crown of twelve stars, showing her connection with the mystical realm and the cycles of the natural world (the twelve months of the year and the twelve planets). Her robe is patterned with pomegranates, symbolic of fertility, and sits upon a luxurious array of cushions and flowing red velvet. One cushion features the symbol of Venus, the planet of love, creativity, fertility, beauty and grace – the essence of the Empress. A beautiful, lush forest and winding stream surround the Empress, signifying her connection with Mother Earth and life itself. She draws her sense of peace from the trees and the water and is rejuvenated by the energy of nature. In the foreground, golden wheat springs from the soil, reflecting abundance from a recent harvest. The Empress signifies abundance. You are surrounded by life's pleasures and luxuries and have everything you need to live a comfortable lifestyle. You are in a period of growth, in which all you have dreamed of is now coming to fruition. **This is known as THE BEST CARD in Tarot** The Empress can also suggest pregnancy or birth. This may be an actual pregnancy or childbirth, or a metaphorical 'birth' of a new idea or project. Bring your creative ideas into being by nurturing them and supporting their growth.





## Reverse The Empress :-

Reversed, the Empress encourages you to make self-love and self-care a priority. Now is the time to bring your loving energy and focus to yourself, especially if you have been giving away your personal power by placing too much emphasis on another person's emotional or material needs, thus neglecting your own. The Empress reversed can suggest that you are feeling a creative block, especially in 'birthing' a new idea or expressing yourself. The reversed Empress may call your attention to issues around body image. Are you your biggest critic when it comes to how you look and the shape of your body?



# 4. The Emperor ( Aries )

**UPRIGHT:** Authority, establishment, structure, a father figure

**REVERSED:** Domination, excessive control, lack of discipline, inflexibility

If the Empress is the Mother archetype of the Tarot deck, the Emperor is the Father. He sits upon a large stone throne, adorned with four rams' heads (symbolic of his connection with Aries and the planet Mars). In his right hand, the Emperor holds an ankh, the Egyptian symbol of life, and in his left is an orb representing the world over which he rules. He wears a red robe, indicative of his power, passion and energy for life.

Underneath it, he wears a suit of armour, suggesting that he is protected from any threat (and any emotional response or vulnerability). His long white beard is symbolic of his age-old wisdom and experience, and along with his gold crown, he is an authority figure who demands to be heard.

Behind his throne looms a tall, impenetrable mountain range, signifying that he is backed by a solid foundation but resistant to making any changes unless he deems it necessary. Beneath the peaks flows a small river, giving some hope that despite his tough exterior, he is still an emotional being – it will just take a lot of digging and trust to open him up to his softer side.





# Reversed Emperor

The reversed Emperor calls on you to assess your relationship with power, control, authority, responsibility and discipline.

Are you expressing too much or too little of these elements in your life right now? Are they working for you or against you? In the reversed position, the Emperor can be domineering and rigid in his thinking. The card can suggest an over-use and abuse of authoritative power surrounding you. It could originate from you or from another person, often a boss, partner or father figure. And it may be because of deep insecurities or father issues from childhood. You may fear being seen as the leader, instead preferring to hide in the shadows or stay out of the spotlight. There may be other ways you can make an impact and influence the world, such as authoring a book or training others to reach a bigger audience. In a relationship reading, the reversed Emperor suggests that you may be in an unequal partnership and it's making you unhappy in the long term. Your significant other has become overbearing, possessive, dominating and authoritative. While you may have been looking for a partner to take care of you and offer a stable foundation for the future, those qualities have gone too far, and it seems as though much of your independence and freedom have been taken away.





# 5. Hierophant ( Taurus )

**UPRIGHT:** Spiritual wisdom, religious beliefs, conformity, tradition, institutions

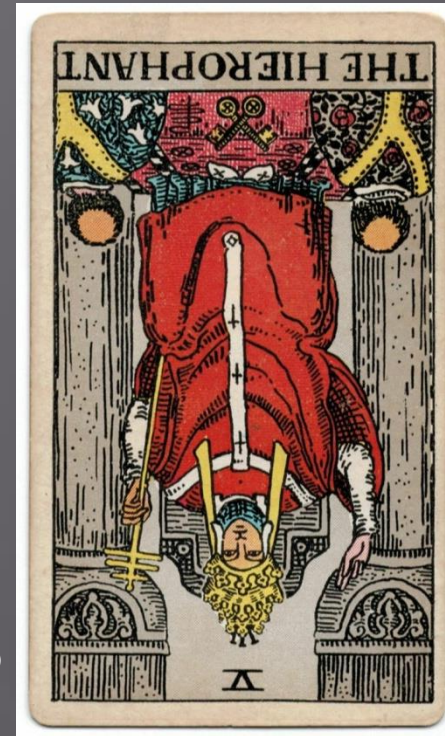
**REVERSED:** Personal beliefs, freedom, challenging the status quo

The Hierophant is the masculine counterpart to the High Priestess. He is also known as the Pope or the Teacher in other Tarot decks and is ruled by Taurus. The Hierophant is a religious figure sitting between two pillars of a sacred temple – though this temple differs from the one in which the High Priestess sits. He wears three robes – red, blue and white – and a three-tiered crown, both representing the three worlds over which he rules (the conscious, sub-conscious and super-conscious). In his left hand, he holds the Papal Cross, a triple sceptre that signifies his religious status. He raises his right hand in a religious blessing, with two fingers pointing towards Heaven and two towards Earth. Before him kneel two followers. The Hierophant's task is to pass down his spiritual wisdom and initiate the two into the church so they can take up their appointed roles. This imagery speaks to a shared group identity and a rite of passage to enter the next level. The crossed keys at the Hierophant's feet represent the balance between the conscious and subconscious minds and the unlocking of mysteries, which only he can teach. Work with a teacher, mentor, or guide to teach you about spiritual values and beliefs in a structured way.



# Reversed Hierophant

In its most positive form, the reversed Hierophant reminds you that you are your own teacher. All the wisdom you seek comes from within – not from some external source or power. You are being guided to follow your own path and adopt your own spiritual belief systems rather than blindly following others'. It may feel unsettling at first as you make your own way, but over time, you will learn to trust yourself and tap into your inner knowledge. Others may question your motivations to go against tradition, but you know deep within that now is the time. With the reversed Hierophant, you no longer need external approval to succeed. You are ready to go it alone and do it your way, even if that means going against convention. Give yourself permission to trust your inner guidance system as you create your own path forward.





## 6. Lovers (Gemini )

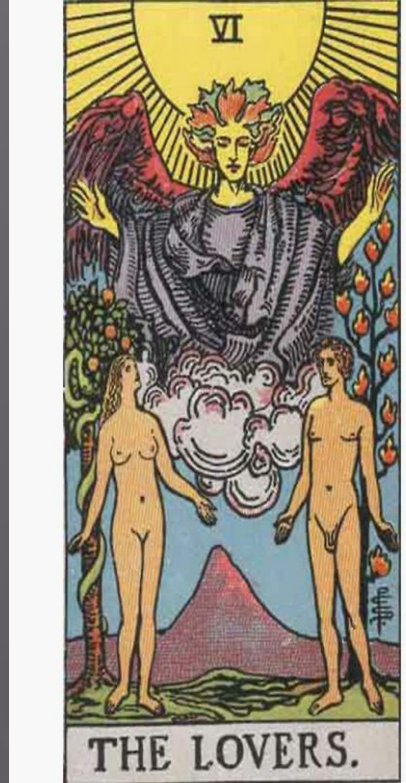
**UPRIGHT:** Love, harmony, relationships, values alignment, choices

**REVERSED:** Self-love, disharmony, imbalance, misalignment of values

The Lovers card shows a naked man and woman standing beneath the angel, Raphael, whose name means 'God heals' and represents both physical and emotional healing. The angel blesses the man and woman and reminds them of their union with the Divine.

The couple stands in a beautiful, fertile landscape, reminiscent of The Garden of Eden. Behind the woman stands a tall apple tree, with a snake winding its way up the trunk. The serpent and apple tree represent the temptation of sensual pleasures that may take one's focus away from the Divine.

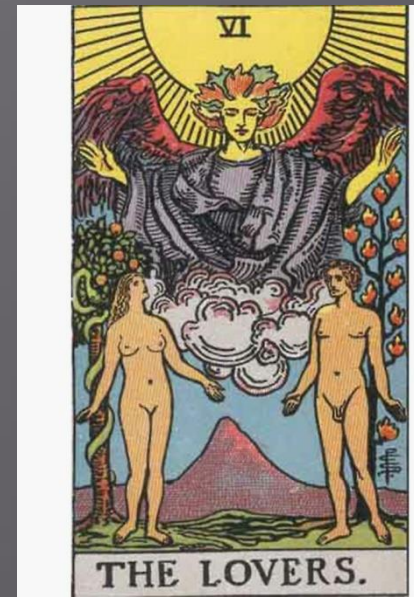
Behind the man is a tree of flames, which represent passion, the primary concern of the man. The twelve flames suggest the twelve zodiac signs, the symbol of time and eternity. Tarot reading shows that you have a beautiful, soul-honouring connection with a loved one. You may believe you have found your soul mate or life partner, and the sexual energy between you both goes way beyond instant gratification and lust to something that is very spiritual and almost Tantric. While the Lovers card typically refers to a romantic tie, it can also represent a close friendship or family relationship where love, respect and compassion flow.





# Reversed Lovers

The Lovers card is pure love and harmony. Reversed, it can signal a time when you're out of sync with those around you, particularly your loved ones. You have this person in your life. If you love him or her unconditionally, know this moment shall pass and the best you can do is bring love and compassion to the situation. In other cases, you may realise that you have simply grown apart and it's time to move on. If your relationship continues to be peppered by arguments and a lack of respect for one another, then it could be time to let go. Honour yourself and do what is best for you both. The Lovers reversed can also reflect that the feelings within a relationship are not mutual. One person may be more emotionally involved than the other, and this gap could lead to disappointment and insecurity later down the track. You may be reluctant to open your heart to the relationship for fear of getting hurt.



# 7. The Chariot (Cancer)

**UPRIGHT:** Control, willpower, success, action, determination

**REVERSED:** Self-discipline, opposition, lack of direction

The Chariot Tarot card shows a brave warrior standing inside a chariot. He wears armour decorated with crescent moons (representing what is coming into being), a tunic with a square (the strength of will) and other alchemical symbols (spiritual transformation). The laurel and star crown signals victory, success and spiritual evolution. Although he appears to be driving the chariot, the charioteer holds no reins – just a wand like the Magician's – symbolising that he controls through the strength of his will and mind. Take focused action and stick to the course, no matter what challenges may come your way – because, believe me, there will be challenges. You may be pulled in opposite directions and find your strength and conviction tested. Others may try to block you, distract you, or drag down the pursuit of your goal. But the Chariot is an invitation to draw upon your willpower and home in on what's essential to you, so you can push past the obstacles in your way.



# The Chariot Reversed

Reversed, however, the Chariot tells you to 'back up the truck' You might bang your head against a brick wall, trying to push a project forward when really, you ought to back off or change direction. Or you might have lost your motivation and no longer feel as committed to the outcome as you did when you started. So, if something is not moving forward as you planned, re-evaluate the situation and check in to see if it's a sign that you need to change course. Then ask yourself: Is there a deeper reason things have become more challenging? What lesson can I learn here?

